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**Amendment – A**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

**In the Specification**

Please AMEND the Title of the Invention as follows:

DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING A FIT PANEL AND AN INTEGRATED WAIST  
SIZE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM

Please AMEND the specification as follows at page 19, paragraph 3:

B1 Desirably, the secondary fastener 84 is releasably engageable directly with the garment facing surface 36 of the outer cover 42 of the absorbent chassis 28 to provide improved ease of fastening. Alternatively, as described above and representatively illustrated in Figs. 1-3, the diaper 20 of the present invention may further include an attachment panel 66 located on the outer cover 42 in one of the waist regions 22 and 24 of the diaper 20. In such a configuration, the secondary fastener 84 may also be releasably engageable with the attachment panel 66 to further conform the diaper 20 to the waist of the wearer.